

# North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership

## Quarterly Meeting Agenda

### *“Sandhills Subterranean” & end-of-year updates*

1:00-4:45 PM, Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Meeting in-person at the [Moore County Agricultural Center](#) with Zoom option available,

<https://tnc.zoom.us/j/95847618295>; Meeting ID: 958 4761 8295

- 1:00 Welcome and partner updates (by agency)
- 1:45 Open discussion: New funding opportunities in the Sandhills
- 2:00 Working Group updates
  - 2:00 RCW Recovery Update – *Kerry Brust, Sandhills Ecological Institute*
  - 2:30 Land Protection – *Jeff Marcus, The Nature Conservancy*
  - 2:40 Resource Management – *Jessie Jordan, NC Parks*
  - 2:50 Communications – *Debbie Crane, The Nature Conservancy*
  - 3:00 Reserve Design – *Sarah Hecoeks, TNC/USFWS*
- 3:05 Introduction – *Sarah Hecoeks, TNC/USFWS*
- 3:10 Legume-rhizobia symbiosis as a tool to enhance restoration success – *Alyssa Young, UNC Greensboro*
- 3:30 Effects of fire on soil microbial community function in longleaf pine ecosystems – *Kevin Robertson, Tall Timbers Research Station*
- 3:50 The ecology of invasive fire ants in natural wetlands of North Carolina – *Lisa Kelly, UNC Pembroke*
- 4:20 Herps in the basement: Subterranean ecology of Sandhills herpetofauna – *Jeff Beane, NC Museum of Natural Sciences*
- 4:45 Closing remarks

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**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 1:00-4:30pm**